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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate, best for retail features and into fast food channels. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate and at times limited to regular commitments and most immediate needs. Dark meat was no more than adequate to tight and remained in the strongest position. Breast items and wings were adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 18-JUL-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	:		68.82	20
Chicago	65.00-68.00	68.42	40 :	68.90	77
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:		68.25	26
Denver	80.50	80.33	15 :	80.06	17
Detroit	67.00-69.00	69.31	13 :	69.85	50
Los Angeles	81.00	80.57	60 :	77.77	124
New York	71.00-74.00	72.44	25 :	70.15	53
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.14	11 :	69.68	22
Pittsburgh	70.00-73.00	71.82	11 :	72.77	58
St. Louis	67.50-67.75	67.09	20 :	67.78	31
San Francisco	81.50	81.63	34 :	81.18	70
<b>Composite Weighted Average</b>					
Loads	07/18/05	Change/Last Wk	07/11/05	07/19/04	
548	72.86	-.07	72.93	80.16	

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	72.00-73.00	73.04	32
Central	57.00-75.50	69.50	73
Western	64.00-74.00	72.67	38
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	74.75-78.00	74.32	89

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,136	65.00-77.48	73.52

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.00	1,428
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	6,029
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,496
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.00	1,129
LEG QUARTERS	44.00	7,699
WINGS	81.50	3,096

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to moderate, mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were in good balance. Breast items and wings were at least adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was close to short and being sought, aided by export and further processing needs. Breast items were available, and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities were unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment was steady overall. Trading for this week's deliveries reported at unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover trade needs with whole body product over 4 pounds in the longest position. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best for parts and where features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 67.78 up 1.43, with the volume reported up 4 percent at 27 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's majorities in all areas; Ohio cities were TFEWR. The trade sentiment for whole broiler/fryers was steady. Additional offerings were adequate for buyer needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to moderate with best interest into fast food sectors. Floor stocks were adequate to instances long; weights were desirable. Part supplies were barely adequate to tight on dark meat cuts with the balance of parts adequate to ample. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items, and barely steady on wings and breast cuts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for early week fill-in needs. Seller offerings were adequate and in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. \*Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents.\* Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were adequate to fully adequate. Leg cuts were adequate to closely cleared.

**CORRECTION:** Less than trucklot asking price on report dated Fri. Jul 15, 2005 should have read "72 to 83 cents" instead of as sent.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	68-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair entering the week as dealers were cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breasts items were at least adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances.

Legs, leg quarters and drums were well cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair. The market tone was barely steady for breast items. Most dark meat cuts were at least steady to fully steady. Wings were about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	142.64	609,300
TENDERLOINS	125	121.78	158,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	95.39	64,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	85.00	81,000
LEGS	61-62	59.96	117,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	44.96	349,800
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	64.60	129,560
THIGHS	52-53	60.79	43,120
B/S THIGHS	104-105	99.54	105,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	81.85	106,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	7,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	29.76	12,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.00	10,640

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,733	120.00-149.00	-	135.36
TENDERLOINS	281	110.00-184.00	120	119.57
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,023	42.00-43.00	-	42.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	335	44.00-45.00	45	44.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	532	66.00-84.00	70-74	71.49
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,249	42.00-53.00	51	51.00

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 07/14	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 07/11
Alabama	4,157	4,019	5.18	2,822	5.24
Arkansas	5,488	5,446	5.04	5,390	5.14
Delmarva	2,328	2,272	5.58	2,278	5.53
KY-LA-TN	2,323	2,312	4.92	2,273	4.95
Mississippi	3,072	3,080	5.55	2,478	5.31
North Carolina	2,527	2,441	6.28	2,490	5.99
Texas	2,485	2,514	4.71	3,016	5.07
Total	22,380	22,084	5.28	20,747	5.29
Mon	22,380(A)			20,747(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Jul 2005 is estimated to be 34,423,000 up 7.55 percent from a week ago, and up 8.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,007,000 last year 31,730,0

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	656	125.00-205.00	-	139.28
TENDERLOINS	134	117.00-185.00	127-130	136.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	82.00-94.00	85-88	86.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	606	41.00-46.00	43-44	43.67
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,070	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	315	67.00-85.00	80-82	80.46
WINGS (CUT)	285	84.00-94.00	91-92	90.28
DRUMSTICKS	108	53.00-68.00	-	56.89
THIGHS	68	49.00-68.00	-	53.29
B/S THIGHS	120	100.00-114.00	-	105.83

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 18, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.00 - 57.50	55.00	54.14

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 18-JUL-2005 TO 22-JUL-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125.00 - 149.50	138.00 - 147.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 108.00	85.00 - 89.00
LEGS	58.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43.00 - 53.00	45.00 - 47.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 55.00	47.00 - 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	54.00 - 71.00	-
THIGHS	44.50 - 54.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	67.00 - 88.00	76.00 - 77.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 50.50	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.25-104.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.75-106.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

#### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108
ICE PACK	105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	95
ICE PACK	89-93
DUCKS	180-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JULY 15, 2005				
<b>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</b> — <b>PRICES</b> — <b>VOLUME</b> —				
(Cents per Pound)				
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPORT</b>
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	21.50-22.50	436,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	21.93		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.75-27.00	20.00-23.00	1,852,000	1,092,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.18	21.89		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00-19.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.67		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JULY 15, 2005				
<b>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</b> — <b>PRICES</b> — <b>VOLUME</b> —				
(Cents per Pound)				
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPORT</b>
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	15.00-26.00	1,356,600	326,400
WTD AVERAGE		17.73		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-JUL-05

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16.25	12-14	13.06
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal. Sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-JUL-05

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16	12-13.5	12.81

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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